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Sir:

The patents or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed.

Applicant is also aware that the separator wheel shown in reference AP, listed on the attached PTO Form approximately one-half inch thick and is used to sever the dough The wheel has an exterior periphery portion which is believed to contain a taper, and which tapers to a point defined by the extreme exterior periphery of the wheel. It is also believed that the exterior periphery portion, which contains the taper, is approximately one-half inch long, measured in a radial direction away from the center of the wheel. Doge is believed to subject the cut dough pieces, cut with the pictured wheel, to an additional brushing or rolling step which purportedly rounds the cut dough pieces.

Applicants were not aware of this reference until Applicants had developed the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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